

## Scott Hedlund

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**From:** Scott Hedlund  
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**Subject:** 6/30/2023 Project Construction Update #8 for the 2023 Cypress Drive & Douglas Fir Drive Improvements project

Project Stakeholders,

Thank you for your patience during the construction phase, now and looking forward.

### Project Contact Information

During construction, please initially attempt to contact either Alex Bitter – WiDSETH Construction Engineer at 218.316.3627, [alex.bitter@widseth.com](mailto:alex.bitter@widseth.com) or Chris Satterlund – WiDSETH Construction Observer at 218.821.3940, [chris.satterlund@widseth.com](mailto:chris.satterlund@widseth.com) with any questions or concerns with the daily construction activity, access, etc. Alex B. and or Chris is on site during active construction and communicate directly with everyone on the construction team on a daily basis.

If you are unable to reach Alex B. or Chris in the field, please contact Scott Hedlund at 612.865.3509, [shedlund@sehinc.com](mailto:shedlund@sehinc.com) or Alex Voit at 218.821.0085, [avoit@sehinc.com](mailto:avoit@sehinc.com) in the SEH office.

**The 24-hour emergency contact for the construction prime Contractor is: Mitch Torborg, Project Manager, Kraemer Trucking & Excavating, Inc, 320.249.5621, [mitcht@kraemer-inc.com](mailto:mitcht@kraemer-inc.com).**

### 6/30/2023 Project Update

- The City's prime contractor, Kraemer Trucking and Excavating Inc. (KTE) and their subcontractors, will continue to be working for the next couple of weeks at the Hinckley Road/ Douglas Fir Drive intersection and south, and on Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and College Road. Work will be ongoing on Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48).
- Contractor (KTE and their subcontractors) construction activity the week of June 26th has included underground pipework, dewatering, grading, aggregate/reclaim base placement, and concrete curb & gutter activities.
- **For the week of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, there is no work planned for July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.** Starting July 5<sup>th</sup>, underground storm sewer pipe work and dewatering activities are planned to continue on Cypress Drive south of Hinckley Road. On Cypress Drive north of Hinckley Road and on Douglas Fir Drive, fine grading of the aggregate base and backfilling behind curb activities are planned, along with miscellaneous concrete flat work.
- The first lift of bituminous paving on Cypress Drive north of Hinckley Road and on Douglas Fir Drive is currently planned for July 10<sup>th</sup>, subject to change. Also the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>, sewer work behind the Highland Scenic Apartments is planned to resume, and hauling in fill material on the new stretch of Cypress Drive is planned.
- Phase 2 of construction, that includes a **planned 50-day closure of Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48)**, in order to construct a roundabout at Cypress Drive, is currently **planned to start on July 13<sup>th</sup>**, subject to change.
- Private utility company (electric, gas, communications) relocation work remains nearly complete. Work remaining includes a segment on the east side of Cypress Drive between Hinckley and Hastings Road, on the north side of the intersection of Cypress Drive and Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48), and on the south leg of the Cypress Drive/ Hinckley Road intersection.

- WIDSETH and SEH (the City's consulting engineering team for the project) are regularly on site observing Contractor construction progress. There has been and will continue to be ongoing periodic survey crew activity by WIDSETH, installing wood lath with paint/ribbons. The private utility companies have been and will continue marking their buried facilities with flags and paint throughout the project. Please do not disturb the survey stakes and utility flags as they are necessary for assisting with construction activities and for safety.

## 6/30/2023 Traffic Control Update

- The Contractor is currently working on the planned Phase 1 of the 2 main construction phases. Phase 1 is planned to continue into July. **During Phase 1, Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and College Road will remain closed to all traffic.** During Phase 1, the Hinckley Road/ Douglas Fir Drive intersection is only open to Lindar Corporation truck traffic and Pinehurst Apartments construction personnel traffic. Special guide signs will remain in place during Phase 1 to assist with maintaining access to businesses and residences.
  - Note that there will be short durations of time when the Hinckley Road/Douglas Fir Drive intersection will be temporarily impassible (such as during underground utility work, final grading, concrete pours, and paving activities). During these periods there will be a flagger stopping traffic temporarily until the way is clear again.
- Overlapping Phase 1 & 2, the Contractor will be working on the future road corridors of Douglas Fir Drive south of Hinckley Road and Cypress Drive between Hinckley Road and Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48). These areas are off existing roads and will not directly affect traffic.
- **Phase 2 of construction, that includes a planned 50-day closure of Highland Scenic Road (CSAH 48),** in order to construct a roundabout at Cypress Drive, **is planned to start on July 13<sup>th</sup>, subject to change.** A road closure public service announcement (PSA) will be released ahead of the closure once the date is certain. There will also be a posted detour route for this work.
- Overall project completion of construction is planned for October 2023.

Please convey this information to others in your organization, co-workers, customers, tenants, etc. Please forward me any additional email addresses you'd like me to include on **future project updates** as they **will continue to be conveyed by email and project website postings only**.

Project Website → <https://www.sehinc.com/baxter2023cypress>

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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